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Title: Safe Trochar with Guide for Placement of Surgical Drains

 Specification, Claims, and Abstract: Number of Sheets 32 Declaration: Date Signed: 10/29/03 Drawings: Number of Sheets Enclosed: Formal: 2 Informal: _____ Small Entity Declaration of Inventors(s) Assignment enclosed with cover sheet and recordal fee; please record and return. Check for \$ 385 for: \$ 385 for filing fee (not more than three independent claims and twenty total claims) \$ _____ additional if Assignment is enclosed for recordal. Disclosure Document Program reference letter. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. paragraph 119(e)(i), applicant(s) claim priority of Provisional Patent Application Serial Number _____ filed _____. Return Receipt Postcard to Applicant #1. Request under MPEP paragraph 707.07(j): The undersigned, a pro se applicant, respectfully requests that if the Examiner finds patentable subject matter disclosed in this application, but feels that Applicant's present claims are not entirely suitable, the Examiner draft one or more allowable claims for applicant.

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